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### Start to think now

The BIG Celebration is now history, but it's unlikely people will be forgetting the event for a very long time.

Everything appeared perfect, and if there were any snags along the way, they must have been minor ones because they went unnoticed.

The Chamber of Commerce deserves a great deal of credit for being able to pull off such a monumental undertaking. It's difficult to think of any other project that could involve so many people from the community on one weekend.

The novelty attractions were a big hit with visitors to the exposition at the Alcott Arena, particularly the world's longest ice cream sundae bar, which operated Saturday. Since it was a make-your-own sundae bar, there weren't any complaints from customers. Of course the weather played a part in the proceedings, since Saturday was perfectly suited for eating ice cream.

The business booths set up on the arena floor were well attended and enjoyed by all.

But the enjoyment wasn't limited to merely the paying

public. It was apparent that the people on hand to represent

their respective businesses were also having fun. More than anything, the BIG celebration was a way for people to get to know their business neighbors better, in a relaxed and carnival-like atmosphere.

It's much easier to put the face to the business name for all who were involved.

It may sound a little backwoodsy, but the BIG celebration was successful in bringing out a warm "Howdy Neighbor" attitude among the exhibitors, which could only be realized with such an undertaking.

But now that the initial steps have been taken, it's important to carry on in the same positive direction.

The weekend showed what can be accomplished when a community puts its creative minds together and works towards a common effort.

There may not be another BIG Celebration for four years but with the inroads that have been made, the next four years can be productive and more fulfilling as long as the same spirit of good will shown on the weekend continues to flourish.

## Not to be forgotten

The upcoming federal election may be several months away, but there's no time like the present to begin consideration on who would make the best leader.

Georgetown voters will not have the convenience of being able to pencil in an able incumbent during the next election. With the redistribution of the riding, and John McDermid's decision to run for Brampton, a new member of parliament will carry the colors to Ottawa for Georgetown, and the entire new riding of Halton-Peel.

The time to start thinking about who that representative will be is right now.

In the next several weeks, political parties will be conducting their nomination meetings, and even the people who do not attend these functions should pay close atten-

tion to the results in each. Each of the candidates to emerge as victors from their respective nomination meetings will have ample opportunity to put across to the public, where they stand on

the issues. But it will be up to the people to listen and make value

judgements on the presentations of each would-be MP. Rather than wait until election day finally does arrive, the time to begin sorting out the best candidate for the job is right now.

# From the viewpoint of a first-time BIGee



#### Editor's notebook

By Mike Turner

Herald Editor Well I've just weathered my first BIG weekend, and what can I say,

except WOW! In all honesty, when I'd heard about the BIG (Business in Georgetown) celebrations several

months ago, I had absolutely no idea of what to expect.

It sounded like guite a novel concept that certainly had potential.

Little did I realize then just how much potential was there. Piecing together the promotion material for BIG I couldn't help get-

ting more than a little excited when I saw all the feature attractions that. were to be offered.

Essentially, I don't see how things could have gone any smoother than they did. Mother Nature teased us a bit on Friday with the odd downpour, but other than that the weekend couldn't have been better for weather.

Taking a walk around the exhibits at the Alcott Arena, it became very apparent that everyone was in a festive mood.

The work that went into many of the booths was phenomenal, and obviously showed people take great

pride in their business. Among the other attractions that really stood out, perhaps the biggest was the 10,000 balloon release Satur-

day afternoon. When I arrived just before the send-off, I must admit I was a little disappointed. When I looked at the netting confining the balloons, it wasn't anything near what I expected. Being the naive sort, I had expected 10,000 balloons to take up the entire volume of the Alcott tennis courts, with only one net over top to keep them confined.

But the disappointment soon faded when the balloons were released into the wild blue yonder. It was quite a spectacle to behold, and I found myself getting a chill down my spine as the balloons kept soaring out of

It was a great job by Trudy Thomas and the people she had helping her with such a large-scale pro-

Another spectacle of the grandest variety was the World's Largest Make-Your-Own Ice Cream Sundae Bar. It was a welcome sight with the warm weather Saturday, and looked as though it did a thriving business. Then there was the dance...

If you were fortunate enough to have tickets, then you were among the thousand or so people who had a terrific time at the Memorial Arena Saturday night.

Lowdown put on quite a show for a crowd that was certainly in the mood to party.

It's clear that trying to stage big dances is not necessarily an exercise in futility in Georgetown. With the right ingredients, people are game for anything.

The sporting groups who ran the concessions at the dance seemed to be doing a brisk business throughout the night, and there's favorable discussion about making the dance an annual event. No one there Saturday would argue with the idea.

The BIG Celebration only comes once every four years, which only makes sense. To put on such a show every year would be too much of a strain on the participants, and the

novelty would soon wear off. But as a bona fide "BIGee" I can hardly wait for the next one, just to see what kind of wild ideas the Chamber of Commerce will come up with to improve on the 1968 show.

It won't be easy.

Watch out for pitfalls

If your family's main asset is a farm or a business, make sure the partnership between you and your spouse is legal. Otherwise, you might work all your life for nothing.

That's what happened to Ruth Alkinson, a 61-year-old mother of six. Mrs. Atkinson's case exposes some serious flaws in the Ontario Family Law Act. Under the act, spouses share equally any assets accumulated during the marriage.

Mrs. Atkinson and her husband, Gordon, owned a \$5 million dairy farm just north of Barrie, Ont. The business was in Mr. Atkinson's name. Unbeknownst to her, says Mrs. Atkinson, her husband borrowed \$3.5 million - using the farm as collateral - to invest in the stock market.

He lost a bundle.

Mrs. Atkinson left her husband, A little while later, the bank stepped in to seize the farm, because loan payments had not been kept up.

Mrs. Atkinson is now penniless, living with one of her daughters and working in a dress shop for \$200 a She took her case to the Supreme

Court of Ontario and lost. SECRET LOANS From her point of view, the bank should not have lent her husband the money without her signing the loan form as well, because she was entitl-



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DIANNE MALEY Business Analyst Thomson News Service

ed to half the assets her husband put up as collateral. From the bank's point of view,

Mrs. Atkinson's signature was not needed because the business was in her husband's name. Judge Donald Thompson agreed with the bank.

To the untrained observer, Mrs. Atkinson is a victim. The judge, however, said he knew of no law that required banks to get a spouse's approval for a loan when

the assets pledged were not in that spouse's name. If a couple splits up and one spouse claims half the family assets, he or she better hope the assets have not been secretly pledged to the bank. The solution is to have the assets in

both spouses' names. Experts mulling over the case concluded that it would have been difficult for bankers if the court had ruled in Mrs. Atkinson's favor, putting her claim before the bank's. But that line of thinking misses the point, The bank should have asked both

Citizens' forum

Action on health care needed

President, Ontario Home Health

Care Providers' Association

Michael Clayman,

Yours sincerely,

Russell Miller.

challenge be accepted.

Hats off

Chamber of Commerce!

ly promotes our town.

Thank you Chamber.

(Georgetown).

Dear Sir.

to Chamber

Hats off to the Georgetown

Their hard work and efforts made

the BIG celebration a major event.

We are fortunate to have a Chamber

of Commerce that so enthusiastical-

The public response was terrific as well, and the entire event was a

credit to the Town of Halton Hills

Moon Walk

On behalf of the Cystic Fibrosis

Foundation we would like to thank

everyone that helped make the

Zellers Moon Walk a great success.

A special thankyou goes out to the

Bishop Family who showed us what

the walk was all about. Also Mrs.

Burns, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Ballentine,

Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. James and

a success

Home health care is one of the A response which addresses these

most humane and cost effective critical challenges within the scope

ways of providing care to the sick of an equitable, provincial system is

and elderly. It allows individuals to needed now.

be cared for in the comfort of their

own homes and results in a positive

financial impact on the total health

Unfortunately, the providers of

this vital service are threatened by a

critical shortage of staff to supply

home health care and support.
Essentially the problem is that the
service is underfunded by the

government, and the agencles sup-plying the service cannot offer high

People are the backbone of the

home health care delivery system.

To ensure the integrity of home care

service, there is a need for training

programs and competitive wages

The issue is one of money,

distributed in a fair and equitable

manner. The challenge is one of lay-

ing the foundation to move from

local and regional programs,

equitably and thoughtfully to a co-

The government has recognized

the problem and responded by re-questing the Interministerial

Review Committee Report on On-

tario Homemaking Services. Per-

sonnel from five provincial

ministries in consultation with in-

terested groups produced a report

last fall addressing the critical

issues of wages, education, the rate

Tragically the government has not

yet released this report or taken any

Surely a report which would focus attention on the needs of this vital

health care sector should not be

delayed. Nor should a piecemeal ap-

proach to this province-wide

setting process and rate structure.

action to address the issue.

ordinated provincial effort.

enough wages to attract staff.

care system.

and benefits.

spouses to sign the loan document in the first place.

CIRCUMVENTING As it stands, some strange things could be done with family assets, circumventing the intent of the Family Law Act. To combat such abuses, a self-help group, Women for the Survival of Agriculture, has published a pamphlel designed to help farm wives legalize their partnerships.

A spokesman for the group said the court's ruling is devastating for both spouses. "Your wife could be out right now taking out a huge loan and it would be your assets she's using as collateral," said Dorothy Mid-

While that could happen, especially if the asset were a business, one suspects that had the tables been turned, Mrs. Atkinson probably would have had a hard time persuading the bank to lend her \$3.5 million without her husband's signature, regardless of whose name the farm was in.

Which makes Judge Thompson's ruling all the more regrettable. It throws us right back to the old days, when women had no financial security.

In the end, though, it matters little whether the victim is male or female; what does matter is that an injustice has been done. If you're in business together, keep an eye on

Mrs. Lindsay who at the last minute

looked after our water stops, drove

around with juices, popsicles,

snacks etc. Thanks also to Mr. Clark

and Mr. McKinnon who did all the

cooking and last but not least thanks

to all the walkers. Without your ef-

forts the walk would not have been

Also thanks to the Kinsmen for the

First tourney

The Georgetown Baseball

Association would like to thank the

Herald for your coverage of our first

annual Shaw Trophies midget tour-nament. Thanks also go to Jack Lee,

Hal and Jeannette Ridley, Colin a Brookes and his umplres and to the

I especially thank John and Jackie

Shaw for sponsoring this tourna-

ment and for their support

throughout the year. Lastly I thank

coach Brian Hannah for guiding the

boys to the consolation victory and

making a great weekend for all in-

volved. Many people are needed to

make minor sports associations

function and we in the GBA are for-

tunate to have a great group of

Thank you, Brenda Lee,

Tournament Chairman

many others who gave their time

a good one

Thank you all,

Zellers B.R.C.,

Mrs. Sweeney, President,

Mrs. Symons, Mrs. James,

Mrs. Beer - Secretary,

Mrs. Clark - Treasurer

Mr. Schirm, Mr. Sales

such a success.

Dear Sir.

this weekend.

volunteers.

signs marking our route.



30 years ago

A wedding of wide interest took place in the Knox College Chapel when Eileen Jane Thompson became the bride of Charles Alexander (Sandy) Best. The bride was the assistant editor of the church publication "The Presbyterian Record" while Mr. Best was the conservative member of parliament for Halton.

Brownie Margaret Packer received her Golden Bar and First Year Service Star.

Marilyn Wigglesworth of Hornby, of the Halton District W.I. special, was presented the award for the 4-H Homemakers.

Grades seven and eight students from Chapel Street School made their annual tour of the Niagra Peninsula. They visited the Roy. Botanical Carden as part of the day.

#### 15 years ago

Herb Jobb was appointed to the position of sales manager for North Halton Motor Sales.

A pretty candlelight wedding was solemnized at Holy Cross Church in Georgetown when Catherine Ann Parsons became the bride of Joseph Sousa Medelros. Rev. P. Wood officiated for the Georgetown bride and Acton groom.

Candystripers Betty Camp and Jane Davidson were given awards for outstanding service.

Brenda Burt of Acton was an honor graduate of the Baptist Leadership Training School in Calgary, Alta. Brenda enrolled in Guelph General Hospital School of Nursing for the fall term.

#### 10 years ago

Barry W. Brown of Georgetown graduated from Wilfrid Laurier University with a degree in general arts while Melbourne Maynard Yach of Georgetown received a diploma in accounting from Wilfrid Laurier University with honors bachelor of business administration. The Georgetown YM-YWCA col-

lected \$1,062 from the Georgetown portion of the Y-Oxfam Walkathon. Irene S. Schenk joined Fletchers Family Shoes, where she had worked part-time since April 1976, fulltime. Miss Schenk graduated with honors from Humber College and took the Start-Rite Children's Fitting Specialist Course on Instruc-

A 77-year-old doctor travelled a long way to visit his boyhood home in Georgetown's Main Street. Dr. Malcolm Coutts biked from his home in San Diego to Georgetown as part of a 50th reunion of his class in medicine at the University of Toron-

#### 5 years ago

Jacueline Stephens of Limehouse, a graduate of Georgetown and District High School, was awarded a Bachelor of Science in languages degree with Honors from Laurentian University at the spring convoca-

To cap off weeks of study of ancient history, students at Georgetown's Centennial School organized their own Olympics. Wives and slaves of local senators showed up to cheer their compa-Georgetown District High School

Grade 12 student Stephen Lucas ranked 91st in Canada after completing the 1983 Euclid Mathematics Competition two months ago.

Norval United Church held their 130th anniversary. A former minister, Rev. Robert V. Wilson, was present and donated a painting he made of the church.

#### Poet's Corner

## Landfill in Tourist Country

Landfill in Tourist Country!

Oh, Halton Hills, thou land of the where horses play on estates of the

and the air is fresh, the water clean. Such a tourists' delight you have not

And now! How can we top all this splendor? Quite simple: If we only surrender those ugly holes in the ground called

and dump in all the fifth and debris from the city folk down south and over east:

their garbage is almost as good as yeast. 'It will produce, by its own fermenwell-engineered, and safe, sanitation."

That's the experts' word spread do you believe it? - I don't.

Fleets of dump trucks roaring in for sure will drive the tourists away. And where do you stand, Walt, Pete, Are you chosen ones still with us?

If not, better watch out for the next You might stumble, or fall, even

> H. Linck, Confederation St., Glen Williams

In your opinion

Question: What did you think of the BIG celebration and what was your

# How big was BIG?



ANITA ALTON: "I think it is great. I enjoy meeting a lot of



LUC BERTRAND: Hydro display inbest, because they touched us personally. The rest was interesting."



NICKY

"I found the Halton TRAND: "I enjoyed "It is a great time, I turning the knobs at enjoy entering all the formative and the the Hydro display free draws and get-Curwood display the and operating the ting free samples." computer at the Sign Shoppe display."

BER- MARIE DICKEY:

PAM SARGEANT: "I think it is fantastic. One does not realize how much business there is in Georgelown."



people I know."